

Members of Campus Life staff leave Guilford

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student conduct rather than both campus life and student conduct.

Gill felt that many students who did not get to know her have false perceptions about her. "My liberal ends up being conservative," says Gill, who feels as if Guilford students compare her to Rush Limbaugh. She believes that "these students are unaware that I have worked for organizations such as NOW (National Organization for Women)."

Gill laughed as she recalled one of her favorite moments at Guilford. At the 2003-2004 Coming Out Ball "me, Jim Hood and other students were all singing to 'You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman.'" She says she will miss these unique Guilford events.

Gill chose not to be involved in the hiring process for her position because she felt her involvement might make the transition difficult for the incoming staff member. She believes that the new Associate Dean for Campus Life "has got to have a sense of humor and they have to be authentic. Guilford students will see through someone fake."

Two of the applicants for her position include Aaron L. Fetrow, an attorney with Baker & Daniels law firm in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Kehaya T. Wescott, a resident director at Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C.

Gill said she is convinced that minimal changes at the college will be good, but is concerned about continu-

ous changes.

Former staff member Olive Jenkins agrees.

"In the earlier years, we had much closer relationships with the students. There was a time when Guilford had a lot of community spirit. Guilford is not a bad place to work, but there are some

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problems there now that were not there before," said Jenkins, a 27-year veteran of the college.

"We used to be like one happy family, but now it is divided up into the students, the administration, etc. I hope that people will try to regain the sense of community that we have lost," said Jenkins.

Jenkins began working for the school in 1977 as the library secretary. Since that time, Jenkins has worked in a variety of positions, including secretary for the Correspondence Center, secretary for the Center of Personal Growth, and coordinator for Employment Services.

Jenkins is not in favor of increasing

the student body population. Over the years, Jenkins observed that students themselves were becoming more demanding, saying that the most recent students seem to want everything to be "handed to them on a platter."

Jenkins recalls one such student in particular. Nearing the end of the semester, he came into the student services office to inquire about a job. He demanded a position in which he "would not have to work very hard or pay for his own apartment." In

addition, the student expected to make a lot of money. Even though students can look up job listings on their own, Jenkins noted that many students like the one mentioned above expected her to do the work for them.

Jenkins believes that as the student body increases, Guilford staff members may have problems delivering everything that they have promised. Jenkins recommends that "the college look carefully at the literature that we print in an effort to do all of the things we say we are going to do," referring to Guilford's policy of offering smaller class sizes. With the increase in student admissions, students should

expect that the quality of services will decrease, small classes will enroll too many students, and adequate staffing will be noticeably absent, said Jenkins.

In her final statement to the student body, Jenkins said, "Guilford is still a special place. They should feel fortunate to be going there."

Anita Masterson, who worked full time for the 2003-2004 school year, has resigned as the Assistant Director of Student Health at Guilford. She decided to leave in July to take a per diem job at Women's Hospital. Her new position will allow her to fit her work schedule to a life that includes taking care of her children.

"I love Guilford. I'll really miss the students. I'll be an active part of hiring the new nurse so we'll have a really special person," said Masterson.

Helen Rice has since been hired to take over Masterson's position. Rice lives in High Point and graduated from UNCG nursing school. She plans to stay at Guilford until retirement. So far she has had good experiences at the college, explaining that the student helpers in the health center have been terrific. She compared the beginnings of her new job to the beginnings of college for a student: "you just have to get to know the ropes."

Ernest McCoy, retiring from his position as college counselor after 18 years, declined the opportunity to comment on his retirement. Ernest will be active in the transition through December, working part time in the department.☞

Community Senate's corner space

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Welcome to the Senate Corner, a revival of a weekly column dedicated to bringing you updates and information about the ins and outs of Community Senate. My name is Abdul-Qawiy (AQ) Abdul-Karim; I am this year's president of Community Senate. As such I want to send out congratulations to all those newly elected senators as well as good luck wishes for all potential senators who are going through the election process. For all of you who haven't already, go ahead up to Founders Lobby and submit your vote for whom you want to represent you in Senate this academic year.

At this point I'm sure returnees have noticed some of the many changes that have occurred over the past several months to personnel, policies and even the physical infrastructure. If you are interested in learning more about these changes and their possible implications, or have questions about what has changed, I encourage and invite everyone in the community to join us at our first monthly Town Hall meeting being held in Boren Lounge this Monday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. I would also like to invite you to our weekly Senate meetings, held every Wednesday at 7:30p.m. in Boren Lounge.

I will also take this time to introduce our new Senate treasurer, Spencer Witherspoon. Those of you who were

at the treasurer training sessions or Wednesday's Senate meeting may have already met him and seen the great knowledge and professionalism that he brings to our community. For those treasurers of student groups or organizations who have yet to attend treasure training, please make sure

to see either Spencer or Chris Dunn to schedule a time to go through your training. Please note that a club will not have access to its funds until the club treasurer has been certified.

Best wishes to all, enjoy your weekend and good luck with classes on Monday.☞



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